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Colorado Trends

Little change was noted in the State's labor market picture between July and August. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate edged downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.3 percent of the labor force as small losses were recorded in both employment and unemployment. The rate has fallen three of the last four months leaving it well below the 6.2 percent posted one year ago. An estimated 88,600 Coloradans were out of work during August, 1,400 fewer than in the prior month and 16,200 below the level of one year ago. Statewide employment settled back a bit in August after scoring a substantial 57,200 gain in July. The number of workers, at 1,569,300, was down 10,400 over the month. One year ago, 1,588,500 were employed.

Most indicators point to an economy on the mend in Colorado. Data on the Department's job placement and unemployment benefit services this summer confirms better conditions for the State's labor force. Placements totaled nearly 29,000 for the 3-month period ending in August, an increase of 4 percent from last year. At the same time, jobless pressures have eased as the 3-month total of persons filing initial claims for unemployment benefits fell almost 14 percent from the year-ago period to 6,200.

Changes in labor force conditions in individual areas around the State were close to normal between July and August. The seasonally unadjusted jobless rate rose in 30 counties, fell in 26 counties and showed no change in 7. The highest unemployment rates were concentrated in southern Colorado; the lowest rates were scattered among the eastern plains counties and the summer resort areas in the mountains.

Nationally in August, employment rose moderately and unemployment was nearly stable leaving the seasonally adjusted jobless rate unchanged at 5.2 percent. Unemployed persons numbered 6.4 million while the worker count reached a record 117.6 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado edged upward in August, rising 1,100 to 1,440,800. The increase was about normal for the July-August period. All but three of the State's major nonfarm industry sectors posted gains over the month. Total wage and salary jobs in Colorado numbered 1,423,800 one year ago.

Trade (up 700) registered the biggest increase during August, but was weaker than seasonally expected. Employment in the sector is up 5,900 over the prior August, however, a gain of 1.7 percent. Employment growth has been boosted by a 7.3 percent increase in retail sales in the fiscal year ending June 30. Sales grew at the fastest rate since 1984-1985 when they were up 7.8 percent. In the prior twelve-month period, July 1987-June 1988, receipts were up only 1.4 percent.

Contract construction and manufacturing both added 400 jobs over the month. Growth in manufacturing was led by a 300 job gain in printing and publishing. Helping to support future growth in manufacturing are a number of government contracts landed by Colorado firms. GTE Government Systems Corp. in Colorado Springs and Storage Technology Corp. in

Louisville both received Air Force contracts this past month while Martin Marietta Corp. and Ball Corp. each captured defense contracts. In the largest of these, Ball Corp. won a $500 million project to develop a spacecraft for a Canadian Earth observation satellite. The satellite program, called Radarstat, will monitor oil spills, update the Canadian geological map and analyze the type of ice in the Atlantic Ocean to aid ship navigation. All news was not positive, however. A cutback in a government contract at TRW Electronic Products, Inc. in Colorado Springs will result in a layoff of close to 100 workers at that firm beginning in October.

Smaller gains were experienced in mining (up 200) and transportation and public utilities (up 200) during August.

Declines were incurred by finance, insurance and real estate (down 100) and services (down 700) while government remained unchanged. Government employment will get a boost in the next year due to the creation of the Resolution Trust Corp., the quasi-governmental agency set up to resolve the national thrift crisis. The organization is currently looking for office space in the downtown area and will be fully operational in six to nine months with a staff of 200 to 500 located at the Denver office.

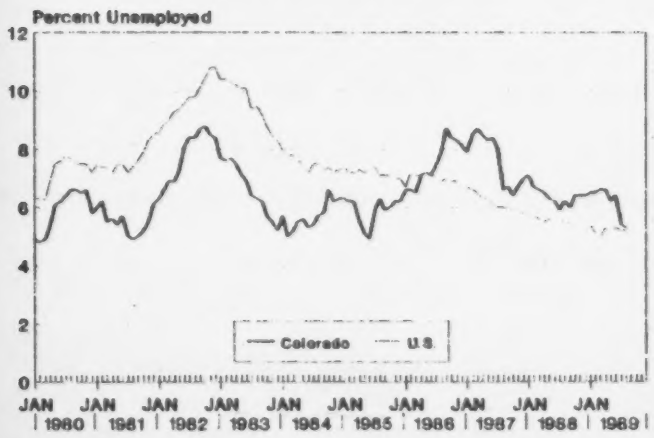
Increases in both employment and unemployment pushed the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the DENVER MSA up four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent in August. Despite the rise the current rate compares favorably to the 6.2 percent of one year ago.

The number of jobless Area residents advanced 3,600 to 46,000. Still, the level remains 8,500 below that of last August.

After adjusting for normal seasonal patterns, employment managed a slight gain of 600 during the month. The estimated number of local job holders now stands at 816,900, down 12,100 over the year.

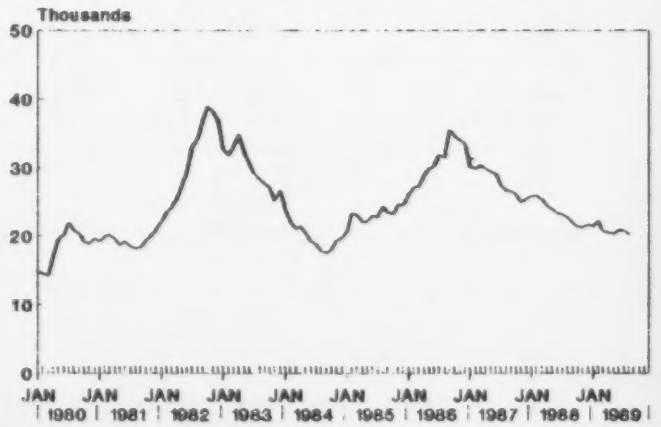
Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment showed little movement, edging up 300 to 805,900. This series remains very weak, growing at a rate of only 0.4 percent during the prior 12 month period. Employment movements were about in line with seasonal expectations for all major industry components. Job gains were largest in trade (up 1,100), while transportation, communication, and public utilities (up 200) and construction (up 100) saw small advances. All other sectors registered slight losses in August.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
COLORADO AND U.S. (S.A.)



Data Seasonally Adjusted (S.A.)

COLORADO CONTINUED UI CLAIMS (S.A.)



Data seasonally adjusted and represent persons with no earnings filing during week including the 12th of each month

OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SURVEY (OES)

The Colorado Department of Labor & Employment has published the results of the 1988 Occupational Employment Survey (OES) in the report Balance of Nonmanufacturing Industries (September, 1989).

This report is part of the OES series of publications, which present estimates of occupational staffing patterns within all of Colorado's major industries (excepting agriculture and the federal government division of public administration). The current report includes data on two-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) divisions within transportation, communication, and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; educational services; and state and local government. Estimates were derived through a mail survey of 4,573 establishments, of which 3,522 units employing approximately 254,392 workers responded. Ratios of occupational employment to total SIC-group employment were applied to ES-202 benchmark figures for each of the seven business size classes and the results were summed to produce an estimate for each industry group. A more detailed explanation of survey methodology may be found in the report.

Balance of Nonmanufacturing Industries includes not only survey results and methodology, but also tables showing 1988 employment distribution and 1988 industry employment by occupation in Colorado; industry definitions for major groups and two-digit SIC classifications; and information on survey reference dates, SIC coverage by form number, and response rates for industries surveyed.

OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS

The Occupational Employment Outlook publication for 1989-1994 is also available. Contents include:

- -projected employment levels for occupations in Colorado for 1989-1994
- -expected number of job openings due to growth of either the occupations or the industries which utilize the occupation
- -job openings anticipated to occur because of replacement needs

Two publications which differ only in the geographic areas covered were produced for the 1989-1994 forecasts. The entire state and each of the four vocational planning regions; northeastern, western, southeastern, and Denver-Boulder, are contained in one publication. Only the statewide and Denver-Boulder information are provided in the second booklet.

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Copies of any of the above referenced publications may be obtained by calling (303) 894-2575, or by writing the Labor Market Information Section at 1120 Lincoln, Suite 801, Denver, Co 80203.

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	AUG 1989	JUL 1989	MAY 1989	AUG 1988	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1657.9	1669.7	1650.0	1693.3	-11.8	7.9	-35.4
Unemployment	88.6	90.0	101.6	104.8	-1.4	-13.0	-16.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	1569.3	1579.7	1548.4	1588.5	-10.4	20.9	-19.2
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1444.6	1444.7	1439.9	1427.4	-0.1	4.7	17.2
Mining	21.1	20.9	20.4	21.0	0.2	0.7	0.1
Contract Construction	57.4	57.8	57.2	58.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.6
Manufacturing	190.6	190.4	191.1	189.4	0.2	-0.5	1.2
Durable Goods	119.4	119.5	119.7	119.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	71.2	70.9	71.4	70.4	0.3	-0.2	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	92.0	90.8	90.8	92.1	1.2	1.2	-0.1
Trade	357.9	359.7	355.5	352.1	-1.8	2.4	5.8
Wholesale	77.2	77.1	77.3	76.6	0.1	-0.1	0.6
Retail	280.7	282.6	278.2	275.5	-1.9	2.5	5.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	94.1	94.4	94.1	94.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Services	360.2	361.3	359.8	353.6	-1.1	0.4	6.6
Government	271.3	269.4	271.0	266.9	1.9	0.3	4.4
Federal	55.4	55.7	56.0	54.3	-0.3	-0.6	1.1
State	64.8	64.3	64.4	64.0	0.5	0.4	0.8
Local	151.1	149.4	150.6	148.6	1.7	0.5	2.5
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	862.9	858.7	847.6	883.5	4.2	15.3	-20.6
Unemployment	46.0	42.4	48.4	54.5	3.6	-2.4	-8.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.9	5.7	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	816.9	816.3	799.2	829.0	0.6	17.7	-12.1
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	806.9	807.0	802.7	803.4	-0.1	4.2	3.5
Mining	12.0	12.2	11.9	13.0	-0.2	0.1	-1.0
Contract Construction	29.3	29.6	29.8	31.3	-0.3	-0.5	-2.0
Manufacturing	95.6	95.5	95.4	95.0	0.1	0.2	0.6
Durable Goods	50.7	50.8	50.7	50.5	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Nondurable Goods	44.9	44.7	44.7	44.5	0.2	0.2	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	66.3	65.9	65.9	67.0	0.4	0.4	-0.7
Trade	201.3	200.9	198.4	198.2	0.4	2.9	3.1
Wholesale	55.1	55.0	55.1	54.8	0.1	0.0	0.3
Retail	146.2	145.9	143.3	143.4	0.3	2.9	2.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.3	62.5	62.2	62.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.3
Services	213.2	213.6	211.4	210.2	-0.4	1.8	3.0
Government	126.9	126.8	127.7	126.1	0.1	-0.8	0.8
Federal	32.6	32.9	33.2	32.2	-0.3	-0.6	0.4
State	27.3	27.3	27.1	26.8	0.0	0.2	0.5
Local	67.0	66.6	67.4	67.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.1
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	129100	129380	127480	132060	-280	1620	-2960
Unemployment	5580	5240	6160	6420	340	-580	-840
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	4.8	4.9	---	---	---
Employment	123520	124140	121320	125640	-620	2200	-2120
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	189570	189090	185910	190400	480	3660	-830
Unemployment	12310	11620	12510	13940	690	-200	-1630
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.1	6.7	7.3	---	---	---
Employment	177260	177470	173400	176460	-210	3860	800
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	91830	92650	91850	93920	-820	-20	-2090
Unemployment	4350	4460	4990	5420	-110	-640	-1070
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	87480	88190	86860	88500	-710	620	-1020
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	68060	68770	65880	69390	-710	2180	-1330
Unemployment	3650	3480	4060	4520	170	-410	-870
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.1	6.2	6.5	---	---	---
Employment	64410	65290	61820	64870	-880	2590	-460
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49610	49660	48600	50900	-50	1010	-1290
Unemployment	3800	3440	4130	4480	360	-330	-680
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	6.9	8.5	8.8	---	---	---
Employment	45810	46220	44470	46420	-410	1340	-610

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	AUG 3/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1687.3	1688.5	1722.3	-1200	-35000
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	83.5	81.9	98.7	1600	-15200
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.9	5.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1603.8	1606.6	1623.6	-2800	-19800
Nonagricultural 5/	1559.8	1551.1	1571.0	8700	-11200
Agricultural	44.0	55.5	52.6	-11500	-8600
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1440.8	1439.7	1423.8	1100	17000
MINING	21.1	20.9	21.0	200	100
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	4.2	4.2	3.8	0	400
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.8	12.8	14.2	0	-1400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	61.9	61.5	62.6	400	-700
General Building Contractors	15.4	15.3	14.5	100	900
Heavy Construction Contractors	10.3	10.2	10.7	100	-400
Special Trade Contractors	36.2	36.0	37.4	200	-1200
MANUFACTURING	192.7	192.3	191.5	400	1200
Durable Goods	120.7	120.6	120.3	100	400
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.7	7.0	100	-200
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.8	7.7	7.6	100	200
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.5	14.6	13.8	-100	700
Machinery, except Electrical	32.5	32.5	32.3	0	200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	21.9	21.9	22.4	0	-500
Transportation Equipment	18.1	18.0	18.3	100	-200
Nondurable Goods	72.0	71.7	71.2	300	800
Food & Kindred Products	27.1	27.1	27.1	0	0
Printing & Publishing	23.0	22.7	22.8	300	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	91.5	91.3	91.6	200	-100
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	48.5	48.4	48.0	100	500
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	360.4	359.7	354.5	700	5900
Wholesale Trade	77.7	77.7	77.1	0	600
Retail Trade	282.7	282.0	277.4	700	5300
General Merchandise Stores	29.9	29.6	29.3	300	600
Food Stores	47.6	47.5	44.9	100	2700
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	30.1	30.1	29.2	0	900
Eating & Drinking Places	105.9	105.9	106.3	0	-400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	95.0	95.1	95.2	-100	-200
Banking	18.5	18.5	18.7	0	-200
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	15.7	15.7	16.2	0	-500
SERVICES	366.0	366.7	359.3	-700	6700
Hotels & Other Lodging	32.4	32.5	32.5	-100	-100
Personal Services	17.5	17.5	17.4	0	100
Business Services	88.7	88.3	85.4	400	3300
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	17.0	17.2	16.9	-200	100
Amusements & Recreation	21.6	21.9	21.8	-300	-200
Health Services	90.9	91.0	88.2	-100	2700
Hospitals	38.1	38.4	37.3	-300	800
GOVERNMENT	252.2	252.2	248.1	0	4100
Federal Government	56.5	56.5	55.4	0	1100
State Government	57.1	56.9	56.4	200	700
Education	32.8	32.4	32.1	400	700
Local Government	138.6	138.8	136.3	-200	2300
Education	65.3	64.7	63.0	600	2300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	-100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	870.1	866.6	890.2	3500	-20100
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	41.8	40.5	49.5	1300	-7700
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.7	5.6	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	828.3	826.1	840.7	2200	-12400
Nonagricultural 5/	820.5	816.3	831.4	4200	-10900
Agricultural	7.8	9.8	9.3	-2000	-1500
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	805.9	805.6	802.5	300	3400
MINING	12.0	12.1	13.0	-100	-1000
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.5	9.6	11.1	-100	-1600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	31.4	31.3	33.5	100	-2100
MANUFACTURING	96.1	96.3	95.5	-200	600
Durable Goods	50.9	51.0	50.7	-100	200
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.8	16.1	-100	-400
Nondurable Goods	45.2	45.3	44.8	-100	400
Food & Kindred Products	14.8	15.0	14.8	-200	0
Printing & Publishing	13.2	13.1	13.1	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	66.6	66.4	67.3	200	-700
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	201.3	200.2	198.2	1100	3100
Wholesale Trade	55.4	55.3	55.1	100	300
Retail Trade	145.9	144.9	143.1	1000	2800
Eating & Drinking Places	54.9	54.7	55.3	200	-400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	63.1	63.2	63.4	-100	-300
SERVICES	216.4	216.8	213.4	-400	3000
Hotels & Other Lodging	11.0	11.1	10.7	-100	300
Health Services	51.0	51.3	49.2	-300	1800
GOVERNMENT	119.0	119.3	118.2	-300	800
Federal Government	32.7	32.9	32.3	-200	400
State Government	25.3	25.6	24.8	-300	500
Local Government	61.0	60.8	61.1	200	-100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	129.6	129.4	132.5	200	-2900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.0	5.1	5.7	-100	-700
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.9	4.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	124.6	124.3	126.8	300	-2200
Nonagricultural 5/	122.8	122.0	124.7	800	-1900
Agricultural	1.8	2.3	2.1	-500	-300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	107.6	107.5	107.2	100	400
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.8	3.8	100	100
MANUFACTURING	29.4	29.4	30.1	0	-700
Durable Goods	23.7	23.7	24.7	0	-1000
Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.3	23.1	100	300
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Retail Trade	20.5	20.4	20.3	100	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	100
SERVICES	23.9	23.7	23.7	200	200
GOVERNMENT	20.3	20.6	19.9	-300	400
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	9.2	9.3	8.8	-100	400
Local Government	8.5	8.7	8.5	-200	0
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	August 1989 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	July 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5613	5205	408	7.3	--	5773	5361	412	7.1
Archuleta	2265	2150	115	5.1	--	2306	2194	112	4.9
Baca	2236	2117	119	5.3	--	2403	2325	78	3.2
Bent	2198	2115	83	3.8	--	2299	2210	89	3.9
Chaffee	6272	6005	267	4.3	--	6338	6045	293	4.6
Cheyenne	1003	973	30	3.0	--	1098	1054	44	4.0
Clear Creek	2606	2469	137	5.3	--	2586	2423	163	6.3
Co. Springs MSA	192349	181342	11007	5.7	--	191882	181016	10866	5.7
Conejos	2468	2066	402	16.3	--	2555	2167	388	15.2
Costilla	1386	1186	200	14.4	--	1454	1213	241	16.6
Crowley	1507	1454	53	3.5	--	1627	1545	82	5.0
Custer	778	727	51	6.6	--	798	760	38	4.8
Delta	7817	7261	556	7.1	--	8071	7490	581	7.2
Den-Bldr CMSA	999763	952942	46821	4.7	--	995927	950355	45572	4.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	129624	124630	4994	3.9	--	129323	124263	5060	3.9
-Denver MSA	870139	828312	41827	4.8	--	866604	826092	40512	4.7
---Adams	145725	137740	7985	5.5	--	144993	137371	7622	5.3
---Arapahoe	207861	199590	8271	4.0	--	207231	199055	8176	3.9
---Denver	263876	249032	14844	5.6	--	262459	248365	14094	5.4
---Douglas	21521	20592	929	4.3	--	21491	20537	954	4.4
---Jefferson	231155	221358	9797	4.2	--	230430	220765	9665	4.2
Dolores	930	888	42	4.5	--	951	913	38	4.0
Eagle	11309	10998	311	2.8	--	11424	11101	323	2.8
Elbert	4119	3907	212	5.1	--	4220	4005	215	5.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93359	89579	3780	4.0	--	93189	89248	3941	4.2
Fremont	11389	10621	768	6.7	--	11257	10609	648	5.8
Garfield	14586	13990	596	4.1	--	14603	14046	557	3.8
Gilpin	2269	2180	89	3.9	--	2261	2185	76	3.4
Grand	4640	4549	91	2.0	--	4731	4609	122	2.6
Greeley MSA	68712	65635	3077	4.5	--	69767	66529	3238	4.6
Gunnison	5260	5104	156	3.0	--	5260	5030	230	4.4
Hinsdale	355	347	8	2.3	--	370	362	8	2.2
Huerfano	2338	2100	238	10.2	--	2410	2174	236	9.8
Jackson	902	868	34	3.8	--	963	925	38	3.9
Kiowa	967	929	38	3.9	--	1070	1028	42	3.9
Kit Carson	4060	3939	121	3.0	--	4327	4236	91	2.1
Lake	1447	1312	135	9.3	--	1441	1306	135	9.4
La Plata	14945	14288	657	4.4	--	15038	14451	587	3.9
Las Animas	4623	4243	380	8.2	--	4718	4321	397	8.4
Lincoln	2321	2266	55	2.4	--	2444	2408	36	1.5
Logan	9528	9176	352	3.7	--	9778	9502	276	2.8
Mesa	41048	38688	2360	5.7	--	40936	38756	2180	5.3
Mineral	180	156	24	13.3	--	184	161	23	12.5
Moffat	5118	4821	297	5.8	--	5170	4849	321	6.2
Montezuma	8718	8183	535	6.1	--	8818	8263	555	6.3
Montrose	12175	11429	746	6.1	--	12367	11594	773	6.3
Morgan	9827	9312	515	5.2	--	10176	9659	517	5.1
Otero	8566	8053	513	6.0	--	8592	8075	517	6.0
Ouray	1980	1909	71	3.6	--	2025	1945	80	4.0
Park	2982	2806	176	5.9	--	3009	2827	182	6.0
Phillips	2108	2086	22	1.0	--	2306	2270	36	1.6
Pitkin	8400	8145	255	3.0	--	8407	8173	234	2.8
Prowers	6723	6380	343	5.1	--	6896	6531	365	5.3
Pueblo MSA	49747	46272	3475	7.0	--	49997	46732	3265	6.5
Rio Blanco	3005	2860	145	4.8	--	3041	2879	162	5.3
Rio Grande	5112	4320	792	15.5	--	5208	4431	777	14.9
Routt	7809	7524	285	3.6	--	7865	7536	329	4.2
Saguache	1903	1408	495	26.0	--	1977	1529	448	22.7
San Juan	560	536	24	4.3	--	553	526	27	4.9
San Miguel	2201	2092	109	5.0	--	2210	2121	89	4.0
Sedgwick	1436	1367	69	4.8	--	1495	1455	40	2.7
Summit	8069	7760	309	3.8	--	8029	7734	295	3.7
Teller	5949	5698	251	4.2	--	5962	5686	276	4.6
Washington	2545	2454	91	3.6	--	2795	2706	89	3.2
Yuma	4811	4615	196	4.1	--	5174	5026	148	2.9
COLORADO	1687292	1603806	83486	4.9	--	1688526	1606607	81919	4.9

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
January 1989 - August 1989

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5799	5285	514	8.9
Archuleta	2256	2045	211	9.4
Baca	2184	2085	99	4.5
Bent	2159	2048	111	5.1
Chaffee	6234	5769	465	7.5
Cheyenne	1005	948	57	5.7
Clear Creek	2646	2426	220	8.3
Co. Springs MSA	187543	173513	14030	7.5
Conejos	2474	2019	455	18.4
Costilla	1394	1149	245	17.6
Crowley	1547	1441	106	6.9
Custer	764	708	56	7.3
Delta	7958	7078	880	11.1
Den-Bldr CMSA	983774	926361	57413	5.8
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	128165	121657	6508	5.1
-Denver MSA	855609	804704	50905	5.9
---Adams	144186	133814	10372	7.2
---Arapahoe	203643	193902	9741	4.8
---Denver	259493	241934	17559	6.8
---Douglas	21132	20005	1127	5.3
---Jefferson	227156	215049	12107	5.3
Dolores	927	874	53	5.7
Eagle	12883	12170	713	5.5
Elbert	4034	3767	267	6.6
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	92048	86759	5289	5.7
Fremont	11280	10299	981	8.7
Garfield	14315	13361	954	6.7
Gilpin	1681	1594	87	5.2
Grand	5057	4829	228	4.5
Greeley MSA	67680	63185	4495	6.6
Gunnison	5496	5185	311	5.7
Hinsdale	350	338	12	3.4
Huerfano	2315	2041	274	11.8
Jackson	915	870	45	4.9
Kiowa	970	914	56	5.8
Kit Carson	3949	3824	125	3.2
Lake	1465	1257	208	14.2
La Plata	15070	14077	993	6.6
Las Animas	4733	4245	488	10.3
Lincoln	2224	2141	83	3.7
Logan	9248	8868	380	4.1
Mesa	40202	37023	3179	7.9
Mineral	217	186	31	14.3
Moffat	5116	4645	471	9.2
Montezuma	8685	7809	876	10.1
Montrose	12115	10920	1195	9.9
Morgan	9822	9105	717	7.3
Otero	8416	7605	811	9.6
Ouray	1624	1518	106	6.5
Park	2953	2729	224	7.6
Phillips	2098	2038	60	2.9
Pitkin	8995	8555	440	4.9
Prowers	6666	6170	496	7.4
Pueblo MSA	49300	44895	4405	8.9
Rio Blanco	2854	2681	173	6.1
Rio Grande	4847	4230	617	12.7
Routt	8222	7704	518	6.3
Saguache	1680	1384	296	17.6
San Juan	558	511	47	8.4
San Miguel	2604	2404	200	7.7
Sedgwick	1418	1337	81	5.7
Summit	8993	8475	518	5.8
Teller	5400	4972	428	7.9
Washington	2547	2399	148	5.8
Yuma	4654	4482	172	3.7
COLORADO	1664355	1557246	107109	6.4

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES Z/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$500.15	$496.94	$475.02	40.4	40.5	39.0	$12.38	$12.27	$12.18
MANUFACTURING	$418.44	$428.79	$409.86	39.7	40.3	39.6	$10.54	$10.64	$10.35
Durable Goods	$416.40	$423.46	$426.01	40.0	40.6	41.2	$10.41	$10.43	$10.34
Nondurable Goods	$421.69	$435.81	$386.43	39.3	39.8	37.3	$10.73	$10.95	$10.36

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988	AUG 2/ 1989	JUL 3/ 1989	AUG 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$516.65	$510.11	$524.11	40.3	40.7	40.1	$12.82	$12.73	$13.07
MANUFACTURING	$437.60	$441.86	$448.63	40.0	39.7	40.6	$10.94	$11.13	$11.05
Durable Goods	$439.88	$438.26	$489.62	39.7	39.2	42.1	$11.08	$11.18	$11.63
Nondurable Goods	$435.24	$445.42	$409.25	40.3	40.2	39.2	$10.80	$11.08	$10.44

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	AUG 1989	JUL 1989	AUG 1988	AUG 1989	JUL 1989	AUG 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	9,229	9,158	10,434	5,215	4,905	5,952
Continued Claims	93,293	81,346	103,237	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	72,871	64,206	82,817	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$11,511,154	$10,139,280	$12,881,621	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$226,166,666	$193,760,841	$150,656,593	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	18,106	16,189	15,963	8,924	8,149	7,257
Nonagricultural Placements	9,888	7,302	8,675	2,779	2,443	2,317
Agricultural Placements	945	569	2,011	428	327	224

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

July 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	126,238	1680.5	1722.1	489.3	410.4	694.0	788.6	228.4
Unemployment	6,736	81.9	104.8	22.3	21.4	44.9	31.8	14.0
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.3	4.9	6.1	4.6	5.2	6.5	3.9	6.1
Employment	119,502	1606.6	1617.3	467.0	389.0	649.1	757.6	214.4

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1988 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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